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Louisiana Crop Prospects

Preliminary indications from the 2011 harvest point toward a new state record of 6,400 pounds per acre for the rice yield in Louisiana, 100 pounds above the previous record which was set in 2009. Cotton yield is expected to be the second highest on record, at 926 pounds per acre, only 91 pounds below the state record of 1,017 pounds set in 2007.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 26.9 million cwt, up four percent from the previous month but down 18 percent from 2010. Rice harvested acreage was revised to 420,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the June acreage estimate. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,400 pounds, up 200 pounds from the previous month and up 300 pounds from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the state.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 550,000 bales, up 22 percent from the August estimate and up 26 percent from last year. Acreage of cotton expected for harvest was revised to 285,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from the June acreage estimate. The expected yield per acre, at 926 pounds, is up 126 pounds from the August estimate and up 84 pounds from 2010.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 71.5 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's estimate but up two percent from last year. An estimated 550,000 acres will be harvested for grain, up 50,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 130 bushels, is unchanged from last month but down ten bushels from last year's yield.

Soybean production is expected to total 35 million bushels in Louisiana, unchanged from the August estimate but down 16 percent from 2010. An estimated one million acres will be harvested, down 20,000 acres from 2010. Yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month but down six bushels from last year.

Sorghum production is estimated at 12.6 million bushels in the state, up one percent from the August estimate and up 69 percent from 2010. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 155,000 acres, up 77,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 81 bushels per acre, up one bushel from last month but down 14 bushels from a year ago.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 11.8 million net tons, unchanged from the previous month but up one percent from last year. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed is forecast at 420,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Yield is forecast at 28 net tons per acre, unchanged from the August estimate but up 0.2 ton from last year.

United States Crop Prospects

Rice production is forecast at 191 million cwt, up one percent from August but down 21 percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area is now estimated at 2.7 million acres, up one percent from the June estimate but down 26 percent from 2010. Area for harvest is expected to total 2.6 million acres, down one percent from August and 27 percent lower than 2010. The average United States yield is forecast at 7,273 pounds per acre, up 159 pounds from last month and 548 pounds from last year. Record-high yields are expected in Missouri and Louisiana.

All cotton production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, up fractionally from last month but down nine percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 807 pounds per harvested acre, down five pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 15.8 million 480-pound bales, down ten percent from 2010. **American Pima** production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.

Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down three percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.1 billion bushels, up one percent from August but down seven percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August but down four percent from 2010.

Sorghum production is forecast at 244 million bushels, up one percent from last month but down 29 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1956. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 4.4 million acres,

unchanged from August 1 but down nine percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage level since 1936. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 55.6 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but down 16.2 bushels from last year.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 28.6 million net tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast but up five percent from 2010. Production increases from last year are expected in all estimating States. Producers intend to harvest 883,000 acres for sugar and seed in

2011, down 6,000 acres from the previous forecast. Producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,000 acres for sugar and seed. If realized, this will be a record low for the state. Expected yield for the United States is forecast at 32.4 net tons per acre, up 0.1 net ton from the August 1 forecast. Recent rains in Louisiana and Florida have improved crop conditions. Hawaii and Texas continue to experience drought conditions.

CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA
September 1, 2011

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
Corn for grain	500	550	140	130	bushels	70,000	71,500
Upland cotton	249	285	842	926	lbs: bales	437	550
Rice, all	535	420	6,100	6,400	lbs: cwt	32,625	26,880
Sorghum for grain	78	155	95	81	bushels	7,410	12,555
Soybeans	1,020	1,000	41	35	bushels	41,820	35,000
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	420	420	27.8	28.0	net tons	11,676	11,760
Hay, all ¹	450	400	2.8	3.0	tons	1,260	1,200

CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES
September 1, 2011

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
Corn for grain	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	bushels	12,446,865	12,497,070
Cotton, all	10,699	9,850	812	807	lbs: bales	18,104	16,556
Rice, all	3,615	2,624	6,725	7,273	lbs: cwt	243,104	190,854
Sorghum for grain	4,808	4,388	71.8	55.6	bushels	345,395	244,094
Soybeans	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.8	bushels	3,329,341	3,085,340
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	877.5	883.0	31.2	32.4	net tons	27,360	28,622
Hay, all ¹	59,862	57,605	2.43	2.29	tons	145,556	131,998

¹Estimates carried forward from an earlier forecast.

**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2010**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	KS	SD	OH	WI	MO	21
All Cotton	TX	GA	NC	AR	MS	TN	AL	MO	CA	OK	11
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	OK	CO	SD	LA	NE	NM	AR	IL	6
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	KS	SD	ND	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	MS	CA	LA	FL	AL	AR	NJ	TX		4
All Wheat	ND	KS	MT	OK	TX	SD	CO	WA	MN	NE	33
Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested¹	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	TX	NE	SD	MO	IN	25

¹ Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet, sugarbeets, all hay, tobacco and sugarcane. Includes double cropped acres.

**State Rankings - Crop Production, Selected Crops:
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2010**

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Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	KS	SD	OH	WI	MO	21
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	CA	MS	MO	TN	AZ	AL	11
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	OK	CO	LA	NE	SD	NM	IL	AR	5
Soybeans for Beans	IA	IL	MN	NE	IN	OH	MO	SD	ND	KS	17
Sugarcane	FL	LA	TX	HI							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	MS	LA	AL	AR	FL	NJ	TX		4
All Wheat	ND	KS	MT	WA	TX	SD	OK	CO	ID	MN	32

Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2010

Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	483,747,000	16.6
2	Soybeans	426,693,000	14.7
3	Sugarcane	381,179,000	13.1
4	Rice	356,387,000	12.2
5	Corn	304,391,000	10.5
6	Aquaculture	219,899,000	7.5
7	Cattle and Calves	194,731,000	6.7
8	Cotton	165,511,000	5.7
9	Greenhouse/Nursery	87,130,000	3.0
10	Fruit and Nuts	55,590,000	1.9
	All Other Commodities	237,295,000	8.1
	Total Cash Receipts	2,912,553,000	

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